

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No. 02S00-0212-DI-635
JOHN MILLARD BECK)

On December 5, 2002, the Commission filed a single count complaint against respondent. Respondent suffered a debilitating stroke on August 29, 2003, and his condition made him a risk of harm to the public if he continued to practice. On October 17, 2003, the Commission filed a petition requesting the Court to issue an Order imposing an interim suspension on respondent. We issued such an Order on December 8, 2003. On January 14, 2004, the Commission amended its complaint against respondent, adding fourteen additional counts. Respondent's misconduct occurred beginning in May 1997 and predates his stroke.

For the misconduct found herein, this Court now suspends the respondent, John Millard Beck from the practice of law for a period of not less than three (3) years, with the suspension retroactive to January 14, 2004, the date of the filing of the amended verified complaint. At the conclusion of respondent's suspension, he may petition this Court for reinstatement to the practice of law. Costs of this proceeding are assessed against the respondent.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward notice of this order to the respondent and his attorney; to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, to the hearing officer, the Hon. James W. Rieckhoff, Elkhart Superior Court, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516-3138, and to all other entities as provided in Admis.Disc.R. 23(3)(d).

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of June, 2006.

FOR THE COURT

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

SULLIVAN, BOEHM and RUCKER, JJ., concur.

SHEPARD, C.J. and DICKSON, J., dissent, believing that respondent's misconduct warrants disbarment.